



MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 11, 2020**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yuba County Resource Conservation District was held on the above date, commencing at **9:35 A.M.** The meeting was conducted by Zoom Video Conference and Audio Teleconference.

The Yuba County Resource Conservation District supports the orders and directives from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor’s Office in the effort to minimize the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID -19).

Governor’s Executive Order N-29-30 enables meetings of legislative bodies to be conducted by way of teleconference.

ROLL CALL

<u>Directors</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Alyssa Lindman (President)	X	
Gary Fildes	X	
Deborah Aseltine Neilson	X	
Doug Neilson	X	

Staff in Attendance

Other in Attendance

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. RCD FIRE PREVENTION AND PLANNING PROPOSAL:

The Board reviewed the RCD Questionnaire Summary and Regional Summary from the CARCD Rx Planning Grant. Director Fildes completed the table. While some RCDs are focused on getting a burn trailer and/or burn boss, the board agreed that this would require a lot of coordination, training, and money to establish such a program. The board felt that with our capacity and liability concerns, our time would be best spent on mechanical thinning, mastication crews, outreach for home hardening, and training for staff to learn

CEQA and how to develop associated plans (such as a Harvest Treatment Plan or Vegetation Management Plan).

2. STAFF TIME DISCUSSION

The Board discussed how staff time should be spent. The Board agreed that it would be ideal to have staff complete admin tasks, such as minutes, creating the agenda, and posting. Director Lindman wanted to make sure we try to utilize staff as much as possible for grants and program management and having staff eventually provide a “Staff Report” detailing status. Initially most tasks will need to be done by board members as staff get familiar with the position, organization, and programs/projects being initiated by the board.

3. SPECIALTY CROP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HUBS GRANT UPDATE

Director Lindman advised that the HUBS would start in spring and our board would simply be assisting as needed. Director Aseltine Neilson asked what our role would be and how billing will work. Director Lindman advised we would serve in a supportive role, attending workshops and helping with outreach to landowners. Director Lindman advised there would be a meeting to discuss the HUBS in the New Year and she could provide more information then.

4. DIRECTOR’S INPUT

Board President Lindman requested agenda items for next month’s meeting:

- Director Neilson is working on the minutes for the past two months, which still need to be reviewed and approved by the board.
- Director Fildes to look into our ability to create a checking account separate from the county and provide an update for the board next month.
- Director Lindman advised she would invite new staff members, Jeanene Upton and Dewaina Edens, to the next board meeting.

ADJOURNED AT 10:50 a.m.